



# Health Insurance Reform Advisory Committee

## Minutes

July 18, 2007

10 AM

Room B

350 Winter Street NE

Salem, Oregon

**Members Present:** Dan Field, Dean Kortge, Steve Doty, Ed Nieuburt, Nancy Nevins, Rick Rebel, and Kim Wirtz.

**Members Absent:** Rocky King, Matt Davis, Angela Kimball, Lynn-Marie Crider, Ellen Pinney, LoriAnn Sheridan, Lisa Trussell, and Laura Cooper.

**Staff Present:** Cory Streisinger, Shelley Bain, Margot Ross, Jan Miller, Carolyn Hancock, David Ball, Gary Holliday, and Elizabeth McMahon.

**Others Present:** Jim Gravette, Tiffany Harms, Theresa Neibert, Don Myron, Brenda Etzel, Jack McRae, Jim Austin, Amy Goodall, Laura Walker, Brie Delvin, Leanne Ripperger, Dave Nesseler-Cass, Megan Houston, Michelle Baker, Dorothy Sackett, Mark Florian, Kraig Anderson, Rebecca Owen, David Rosenfeld, Canan ("John-an") Spasaro, Laura Etherton, Cary Walker, Hiu Wan (Lifewise teleconferenced in), and Tom Jovick.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Shelley Bain, Oregon Insurance Division, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Cory Streisinger, Director of DCBS:** Joel has accepted the position as Pennsylvania's Insurance Commissioner. Carl Lundberg will serve as acting administrator during the search for a new Insurance Administrator. Contact Linda Kozlowski regarding the recruitment. Contact Cory Stresinger for health insurance related issues at 503-947-7872 or e-mail [cory.streisinger@state.or.us](mailto:cory.streisinger@state.or.us)
2. **APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2007 MEETING MINUTES:** Approved.
3. **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW:** Four major health insurance related bills have passed.
4. **RULE MAKING**
  - 1) **HB 2002:** Expands SEHI market by including the HIPAA and increasing the maximum number of employees from 25 to 50. The Division has been working on rule making. A

temporary rule will be issued before a permanent rule is adopted, and it will allow carriers to work on their rate filings.

- Employer plans wouldn't be affected until January 2008. Merging both SEHI and HIPAA plans will be phased in over the next three years to avoid sticker shock and to allow employers to learn about the changes and prepare all the affected parties to apply them.
- 2) **HB 2213:** This major transparency bill was a priority bill for Governor Kulongoski. The bill requires carriers to disclose actual out-of-pocket and cost estimates to enrollees. Rule making committee for the transparency will start next year.
  - 3) **HB 3103:** Another transparency bill. The bill requires rates for health benefit plans will be available to the public and will be posted on the Division's website. The Division will be looking at the rates to see if they are a trade secret and would harm competition.
    - To implement the bill, the Division will start an advisory committee mid-August. Contact Shelley if anyone is interested in serving on the advisory committee. A temporary rule will be in place because of the short amount of time.
    - The Division is considering requiring all health filings be filed via SERFF only and posting the information on the Division Website. The Division will need to develop a process.
    - Clear Choice is the only domestic company that has sent in filings via SERFF. The Division will be asking companies to submit their filings electronically.
  - 4) **HB 3321:** The association bill. The Division expects significant changes and work to implement the bill. Out-of-state exempt associations are no longer exempt from Oregon law. Carriers that write premium in Oregon will be requested to fill out a survey for all association businesses they write. The association list was taken off from the website due to the law change.
    - HB 3321 has an emergency clause that is in effect now. Approvals for new associations will be pending for a while. However, if a previously filed, approved association is due for renewal, follow the renewal process, the requirements in the bill, and the bulletin.
    - The Division will have an additional rule making regarding system retention, reporting requirements, and evidence of compliance with the exemption. Requesting information on the associations that will not fall under exemption will be discussed during the rule making process.
  - 5) **HB 2007:** Relating to domestic partnership. The bill is not in effect yet. In the next meeting, HIRAC will review and approve the plan and make recommendations to Cory.
  - 6) **HB 2517 (mandate):** Provides health insurance coverage for prosthetic and orthotic devices. Medicare coverage for the devices will be possibly adopted to implement the bill. The Division will start rule making on this bill.
  - 7) **HB 2700 (mandate):** Relating to contraception coverage and amending ORS 750.055 and 750.333. Send Shelley a laundry list of concerns in regards to the bill.
  - 8) **Basic portability plans:** Over the next two months, the Division will review the plans on the website and will update the contents. HIRAC members will review the updates via e-mail prior to the next meeting.

- 9) **Industry memo regarding 2007 legislation:** Cory and Shelley need to look at the memo and discuss the issues with the industry. Brenda Etzel will send industry memo to Shelley after industry collaborative meeting reviews a draft of the memo.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.**

**NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2007, 10:00 AM in Room B (basement).**